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SUBJ: HEBRON MAYOR GETS PLEDGES OF ASSISTANCE FROM
SAUDI ARABIA AND GULF STATES

SUMMARY: ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA
THE GULF STATES AND JORDAN, MAYOR QAWASIMA
OF HEBRON RECEIVED PLEDGES OF MORE THAN \$15M
FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BE DRAWN DOWN AS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT APPROVES PROJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER I CONGRATULATED HIM ON SUCCESSFUL TRIP,
QAWASIMA SAID HEBRON HAD BEEN TWINNED WITH AL
MEDINA AND THAT HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY PRINCES
FAHD, ABDULLAH AND NAYIF AMONG OTHERS. SAUDIS
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PLEDGED EQUIVALENT OF \$15M TO FUND ELEVEN
PROJECTS FOR HEBRON. INITIAL GRANT OF
\$1-1-/2M WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS MILGOV
APPROVES ELECTRICAL GENERATOR PROJECT. THE
MAYOR WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EARLY MILGOV
APPROVAL. (HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A
MEETING AT MILGOV HQS. AT BEIT EL.) HE

INTENDED TO PERSEVERE AND THOUGHT PROJECT WOULD INITIALLY BE DISAPPROVED SEVERAL TIMES.. AS A FALL-BACK, MAYOR HAS A COMMITMENT FROM THE HKJ TO FINANCE START UP COSTS AMOUNTING TO JD 200,000 (\$600,000). OTHER PROJECTS ON MAYOR'S LIST INCLUDE TWO NEW ROADS, A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, A NEW MARKET, 20 SCHOOLS, SIDEWALKS, AND A WATER RESERVOIR.

2. HEBRONITES IN KUWAIT AND QATAR CONTRIBUTED JD5,000 WHICH THEY THEMSELVES HAD COLLECTED. THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE USED FOR A BLOOD BANK.

3. COMMENT; ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO OPENLY, QAWASIMA LEFT IMPRESSION SAUDI FUNDS WOULD BE FILTERED THROUGH JORDAN IN EVENT OF DIFFICULTY WITH MILGOV SINCE JORDANIAN FUNDS CAN MORE EASILY ENTER WEST BANK. IN LAST ANALYSIS, ISRAELI APPROVAL WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FOR PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATORS WHICH WOULD REDUCE HEBRON'S PRESENT DEPENDENCE ON ISRAELI GRID-A STEP WHICH LIKUD GOVERNMENT IS EVEN LESS LIKELY TO TAKE THAN A CARETAKER LABOR ALIGNMENT.
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